

## **Edingley Parish Council AGM - Wednesday 18th May 2016**

### **Clerks Report**

#### **Items relevant to the agenda:-**

Advanced warning of road closure, Station Road 1st May - notice put on notice board but work didn't take place?

Insurance - We have received two communications offering quotes appertaining to Parish Council Insurance, Zurich and AON. Our current insurers are Came and Company at £292:90 renewal 31:05:2016.

Grants and Funding opportunities. Evidently Tesco gave a £10.000 grant from their '*Tesco Bags for Health Initiative*' to East Leak Parish Council to refurbish and maintain a green space in the centre of the village. Tesco teamed up with 'Groundwork' to launch its Bags of Help Initiative using the 5p bag charges. It's currently awarded grants of £12, £10 and £8000 to environmental and green space projects. The next round of funding opened on 18th April and we have until noon on 3rd June to apply. The funding covers:-

- Parks, pocket parks and urban green spaces
- Green corridors – river and canals, cycle ways
- Formal and informal play areas
- Open access sports facilities within public parks and recreation grounds – eg football pitches, tennis courts and cricket pitches
- Informal outdoor recreation facilities; eg gym equipment, trim trails and woodland walks
- Nature reserves, community woodland, ponds and village greens
- Churchyards
- Seafront improvements
- Community allotments, community gardens, orchards and city farms
- Spaces in the grounds of hospices and day centres
- Allotments
- School grounds
- Community spaces on housing estates or residential areas

Employment Briefing - National Living Wage for 2016/2017. The lowest scale is now £8.613

Updated Governance & Accountability plus Finance Briefing for smaller Authorities in England was received from NottsALC on 5th April. Very large file of 30 pages. I can send this file out to anyone who wishes to see it. I have it now as a hard copy for those wishing to take a look tonight.

Staff Pensions - New legal topic note. With reference to the Clerks prospective pension from the Parish Council, as a current pensioner I can (and do) opt out of receiving this.

#### **Items of Interest:-**

Nottinghamshire CC Recycling Centre Service changes for 2016. As from 1st April 2016 anyone wishing to use the network of 12 recycling sites in the county, must register first on line or via telephone support from our customer service centre. The County Council will also be introducing an on line pre booking process with a range of charges for residents wishing to deposit certain non-household inert wastes including Gypsum containing products when delivered in a van, pick up or trailer. Residents can register two vehicles. I will be placing this information on the notice board.

Claiming for lump sum payment from the Electricity Company if poles or power lines are close to your property. It would seem claims for quite a substantial amount can be made. I will put the information on the notice board.

Parish Council Websites - New funding available should we wish to take it up.

Discontinuation of the NSDC Dedicated Standards Committee. This will now be taken up by the Councils Policy and Finance Committee.

### **Finance Report**

Attendance to the External Audit Briefing on Monday 18th April - Very good, learned a lot. Our Audited material to be sent to Grant Thornton anytime between 27th May and 1st July 2016.

Accounts up to date - Year ending March 31st 2016. Balances with the Bank Statements.

### **New financial Year beginning 1st April 2016**

Bills to pay - Severn Trent Water standing charge of £22:49 and Old School Room Rent for 7 full meetings and 2 planning meetings total cost £150

Income - NSDC Parish Precept £2000 Remittance Advice received 1st April 2016